

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the A bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: LB 124A advances. LB 631, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 631 was introduced by Senators Schimek, Hartnett and Will. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 20, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill directly to General File.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, thank you. I don't think I could make this any clearer than the statement of intent, so if you have any questions on it, follow along with me. This...what this bill does is amends a section of the statutes which relates to cities of all classes and villages and that statute currently states that any city or village annexing territory which is contiguous to or abutting up on any part of a county road is required to annex all of the contiguous or abutting road at the time of the annexation. And what this bill would do would be to say that...to remove the statement that annexation is required and substitute in its place the language that is deemed to have been annexed without further action by the city or village. What this really does is clarify, because an Attorney General's Opinion filed in 1992 indicated that even under the current provisions of statute that the roads automatically are made a part of the annexed area. So rather than relying on an opinion, all this bill does is put what the opinion says into statute so that everybody will understand what current law really says. Hopefully, this will avoid further or future litigation. With that, I would be happy to try to answer any questions.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Any further discussion on LB 631? Seeing none, Senator Schimek waives off closing. We will proceed with the vote on LB 631. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on LB 631. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: LB 631 advances. LB 53, LB 53.